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Docket No. 55943US003IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s): BEDINGHAM et al.) Group Art Unit: 1743
Serial No.: 09/677,805) Examiner: Brian R. Gordon
Confirmation No.: 3624)
Filed: 2 October 2000)
For: SAMPLE PROCESSING APPARATUS, METHODS AND SYSTEMS)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 8 March 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."